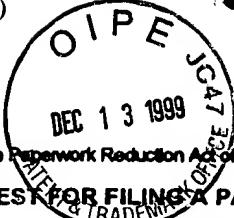


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**REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.60, and/or 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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DOCKET NUMBER	ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION		PRIOR APPLICATION EXAMINER	ART UNIT
	CLASS	SUBCLASS		
4077 DIV REISSUE			J. SAYDAH	3764

Address to:  
 Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

This is a request for filing a  continuation  divisional application under 37 CFR 1.60, of pending prior  
 Application Number 08 / 702,107, filed on 8/23/96 entitled PRESSURE

APPLICATION METHOD

1. Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including a copy of the oath or declaration showing the original signature or an indication it was signed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of the latest signed prior application number 08 / 702,107, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b> (37 CFR 1.16(c))	<u>9</u>	<u>- 20 =</u>	<u>× \$ 18<sup>00</sup></u>	<u>\$ —</u>
	<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b> (37 CFR 1.16(b))	<u>3</u>	<u>- 3 =</u>	<u>× \$ 78<sup>00</sup></u>	<u>156<sup>00</sup></u>
	<b>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable)</b> (37 CFR 1.16(d))			<u>+ \$ — =</u>	
				<b>BASIC FEE</b> (37 CFR 1.16(a))	<u>+ 760<sup>00</sup></u>
				<b>Total of above Calculations =</b>	<u>916<sup>00</sup></u>
	<b>Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).</b>				
				<b>TOTAL =</b>	<u>916<sup>00</sup></u>

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2.  A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27
  - is enclosed.
  - was filed in prior application number 08 / 702,107 and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).
3.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
4.  A check in the amount of 916<sup>00</sup> is enclosed.
5.  Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
6.  The inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is (are): the same as in the identified prior copending application.
7.  This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.60(b), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application: \_\_\_\_\_
8.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a  continuation  division of application number 08 / 702,107, filed 8/23/96, (status, abandoned, pending, etc.)." CURRENTLY PENDING

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Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.5 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

\*\*The filing fee includes the fee for the claims presented in the accompanying preliminary amendment.



## TYPES, CROSS-NOTING, AND STATUS OF APPLICATION

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9.  New formal drawings are enclosed.

10.  Priority of foreign application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) - (d).  
 The certified copy has been filed in prior application number \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

11.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

12.  The prior application is assigned of record to RESPIRONICS INC.

13.  Also enclosed:

14.  The power of attorney in the prior application is to: J. STEWART BRAMS

a.  The power of attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application.

b.  Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

c.  Address all future correspondence to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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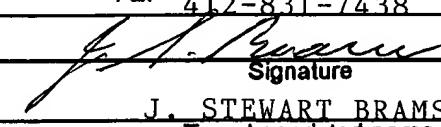
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Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
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Attn: Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Re: Reissue Patent Application No. 08/702,107  
of Mark H. Sanders  
filed 8/23/96  
for Pressure Application Method  
Examiner J. Saydah  
Group Art Unit 3764

Dear Sir:

The captioned reissue patent application is pending and awaiting response to the office action mailed 8/31/99. This transmittal constitutes a continuing application filing under 37 CFR 1.60 and/or 37 CFR 1.53(b) to serve as a response to the outstanding action in the captioned case. Enclosed are the following:

- Petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for response to the outstanding action in the captioned application and express abandonment of the captioned application, including check no. 2073 in the amount of \$110 for the requisite time extension fee;
- Original and duplicate of request for refund of the issue fee previously paid in the captioned application;
- Continuing application request and transmittal, including check no. 2072 in the amount of \$916 for the filing fee;

December 08, 1999

- Complete copy of prior copending application SN 08/702,107, including:

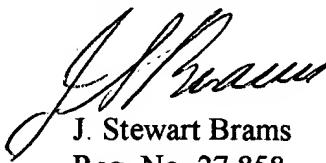
Original Specification and Claims  
Two sheets of formal drawings  
Request for Abstract of Title  
Assignee's Offer to Surrender Original Patent and Assent of Assignee  
Reissue Application Declaration and Power of Attorney by Inventor  
Declaration of Eugene N. Scarberry  
Declaration of J. Stewart Brams;

- Preliminary amendment;
- Information disclosure statement.

Applicant notes that various particulars of reissue application processing and prosecution unrelated to issues of claim patentability were dealt with and resolved in the prosecution of the parent reissue application. For example, a request for an abstract of title was filed and the requisite fee paid, and presumably the PTO acted on the request. Additionally, applicant surrendered the original patent to the PTO during prosecution of the parent application. Applicant thus relies on the prosecution history of the parent reissue application as to all such matters of reissue application prosecution to the extent the same were addressed during the prosecution of the parent application.

Please date stamp and return-mail the accompanying postcard to acknowledge receipt of this submittal.

Very truly yours,



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